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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 20, 1892.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 812.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred Senate bill 812, have had the same under consideration and do report as follows:

The beneficiary in this bill is George W. Jones, a resident of Dubuque, Iowa. It appears from the evidence on file before the committee that the claimant was a soldier in the Black Hawk war in 1832; that he acted as assistant aid-de-camp to Col. Dodge, afterwards Governor Dodge, and served through the whole period of the war as such. When the war broke out the claimant, George W. Jones, then a man of large means and great influence in the section where he resided, lived at the Cincinaway Mound, about 16 miles from the mining region of Galena. Here at the request of Col. Dodge, commanding the United States forces in that region, Mr. Jones built a stockade and block house at the mound for the protection of his family and the miners and their families in that vicinity. It was the only place of safety in the mining region and gave protection to a large extent to the white settlers from the marauding expeditions of the hostile Indians in that part of the country.

It appears from the statement of Senator James F. Wilson, of Iowa, who is personally acquainted with the claimant, that Mr. Jones was formerly a United States Senator from the State of Iowa, one of the first Senators chosen from that State; that he resides in the city of Dubuque; that he is 88 years of age; that he is in greatly reduced circumstances; that he is in present need of assistance.

By reason of the premises, and also because the committee has always held that military service in war against the hostile Indians, such as the Black Hawk war, was pensionable in like manner as service in the war of 1812, we deem this to be a meritorious measure, and recommend the passage of the bill with amendment following: Insert the word "twenty," in line 10, before "dollars," in line 11 of the same.